

REMARKS

Applicant has carefully reviewed this Application in light of the Final Office Action mailed August 12, 2003, and the Decision on Appeal mailed April 28, 2005. Claim 1 has been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer and Claims 2-17 are pending in this Application. Claims 1-11 and 14-17 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 and Claims 12 and 13 are allowed. Applicant has amended Claims 2, 11 and 14-16 to have the correct dependency. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and favorable action in this case.

Allowed Subject Matter

Applicant appreciates Examiner's consideration and indication in the Final Office Action mailed August 12, 2003 that Claims 12 and 13 are allowed. Applicant has cancelled Claim 1 and amended Claims 2, 11 and 14-16 such that all dependent claims depend from allowed Claim 12. Applicant, therefore, believes that all existing claims have been placed in condition for allowance or depend from an allowed claim, and respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw the rejections and allow Claims 2-11 and 14-17.

Petition to Revive

Applicants submit this Request for Continued Examination (RCE) along with a "Petition for Revival of an Application for Patent Abandoned Unintentionally under 37 CFR §1.137(b)" in the event that Applicants' "Non-Fee Petition to Revive Holding of Abandonment under 37 CFR § 1.181" which is submitted herewith is refused.

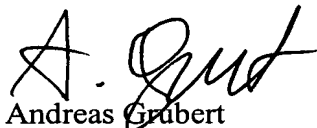
CONCLUSION

Applicant appreciates the Examiner's and the Board's careful review of the application. Applicant has now made an earnest effort to place this case in condition for allowance in light of the amendments and remarks set forth above. For the foregoing reasons, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of all pending Claims 2-17, as amended.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to debit the \$790.00 filing fee and any additional fees necessary to effectuate this filing to Deposit Account No. 50-2148 of Baker Botts L.L.P.

If there are any matters concerning this Application that may be cleared up in a telephone conversation, please contact Applicant's attorney at 512.322.2545.

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